

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 2 Week 3**

**17th May 2011**

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

One of the phrases that we have on our school vision is 'life long learners'.

What does that mean and how do we hope to achieve it, given our pupils only spend six hours a day for 390 half days or 195 days a year, for eight years at St Mary's?

When you think that most people live until they are over 80 years old this is obviously, in terms of time, a small amount of their lives.

I think however the key is that these eight years are a vital time developmentally. Attitudes, values, techniques, and processing skills that are developed during this time form the basis of the person that our pupil, your child will become.

Many studies show that success in life is based more on the learning that takes place outside formal schooling. Playing cards, chess, draughts or snakes and ladders with your child are vital to develop not just thinking skills and the ability to retain rules (knowledge) but also they teach social skills and decorum.

Going for a walk or bike ride, taking your child fishing or to watch sport or just playing a game in the back yard with them teaches all of the same skills.

The difference from learning at school is that when pupils only focus on learning at school, then when school is finished for the day, or week, or forever—they think learning also stops. No need to read or write or solve problems. If, however, learning becomes part of a young persons life then learning becomes part of them for ever.

So next time you have an opportunity, look to play a game of cards with your child, and soon it will become something that you all enjoy.

**Have a great week.  
Mike Brosnahan**

## Room 5 Singing at the Mosgiel Library last week for Music Month



**Reminder  
Targeted Home Support (Homework)  
information evening 7- 8pm in the foyer this  
Wednesday 18th May.**

# Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

## Confirmation Reminder

The Confirmation sessions for the children are on these dates: Session 2 - Sun May 22nd; Session 3 - Sun May 29th and the last session 4 - Sun June 19th all during 9am Mass. Cheers Mary Dillon.

## Intermediate Guitar Lessons

These lessons begin Thursday 10th June in Room 5 from 3.10-3.50pm, for five weeks. Cost is \$15 and payable to the school office. I need a minimum of 8 children to go ahead. - Mary Dillon



**Choir Children** wanted please to help Mrs Dillon lead the singing at 9am Mass on Sunday 29th May.



## Annual Ski Trip to Cardrona

Accommodation at Albert Town Lodge for Friday 19th, Sat 20th and Sunday 21st of August, \$27pp.

Skiing Saturday and Sunday with Monday optional. Skiing Prices: Lessons \$25; Lift Pass: Weekend \$29, Midweek \$18, Rental standard ski set \$22, Limited numbers!

**This is filling up fast, only space for 10 more people!**

**To book ring Kate 484 7712 asap.**



## Winter Sports Results

### Netball:

St Marys Gold Yr 8—lost to Abbotsford 9-5

St Mary's Silver Yr 7—beat TTS 14-4

St Mary's Blue Yr5/6—lost to Fairfield 10-5

St Mary's Future ferns Yr3/4 won 9-0

### Miniball:

St Mary's Hawks lost to Fairfield 22-7

St Marys Stars beat East Taieri 18-14

St Mary's Grizzlies beat Outram 26-23

### Basketball Yr7/8

Wk 1 -beat Outram 34-17

Wk 2 -beat MacAndrew Bay 54-4

### Hockey:

Saturday Competition St Mary's beat Outram 9-3

Friday Competition

St Mary's/Green Is team beat Arthur Street 4-3

### Reminder:

**All sports notices are on the notice board in the school foyer.** If Possible draws will be emailed out as they come through.

**Cancellations** are on most radio stations or call the cancellation line 474 8426.

**Netball** please check the Taieri netball website for information [www.taierinetball.co.nz](http://www.taierinetball.co.nz), the draw is always on here and any other notices/cancellations.

## Looking Ahead Term 1

### May

18th Targeted Home Support Meeting 7-8pm

20th Room 4 Assembly 2.20pm in the Hall

27th Vaughan Hook will be ordained a Deacon in the Gore Catholic Church 7pm.

### June

3rd Reports go home

3rd Room 3 Assembly 2.20pm in the Hall

8/9th Parent Interviews

## PTA News ....

Due to the huge success of the previous Quiz night the PTA is organising another Quiz Night to help with fundraising for our school. Please support our school by entering a team.

Bring along some extra cash to buy tickets in our raffles on the night. Awesome prizes to be won!

Date: Tuesday 14th June

Time: 7pm

Venue: Mosgiel RSA - Church St

Cost: \$25 per team (max 5 people)

## FAIR – 6 NOVEMBER 2011

It is that time of the year when the Fair is starting to be talked about at the PTA meetings. A major influence behind the fair is sponsorship money. We have been very privileged to have received sponsorship money from several of our families here at St Mary's, but unfortunately, some of those families have now moved on.

This is a great opportunity for new sponsors to come on board. If your family would like to sponsor, or you have your own business and would like to sponsor our fair then your name or the name of your business will be advertised on all of our fair newsletters and big sponsors board displayed at the fair. Presently our donations range between approximately \$200 and \$300.

The sponsorship money that we receive is used for the hiring and buying of items that are needed for the fair, for example, Chocolate Wheel prizes, more Tombola prizes, Raffles, hiring bouncy castles, Money Golf, hiring candy floss machine, lucky dips, Treasure Island prizes, etc etc. If we have enough money to cover these expenses then all of the money raised from the fair goes straight back into purchasing "extra" things for all of our children to benefit from at our school.

If you would like to become a sponsor, or would like to learn more about it, then please do not hesitate to call Rachael Morris on 489 4103.

## Alter Servers Sunday 22nd May

Shannon & Cecilia Crooks and Josh Hyde

## A thought for the week...

Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on yesterday. -Ralph Waldo Emerson